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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Yaritza Guadalupe

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 22-56 and 60-68 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,57 and 58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-21 and 59 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/18/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 57 – 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Donnery (US 4,771,548).

Donnery discloses a goniometer comprising an instrument (10) having at least one pivotable wing (14) for aligning the instrument with the person's Achilles tendon, and determining a reference line thereof; and an angle gauge (17) for determining the inclination of a reference line from a vertical direction. Donnery discloses a base portion (13) having an arrow (18) extending orthogonally upwardly therefrom and an alignment portion (14) pivotally attached to the base portion having a protractor scale (17) inscribed thereon.

The method of making a shoe correction comprising the steps of inclining the person's lower leg forwardly about the foot a pre-selected angle from the vertical while the person is standing on the foot and while maintaining the person's lower leg in the forward inclined

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position at the pre-selected angle, measuring the lateral angular alignment of the foot as stated in claim 1 will be met during the regular operation of the goniometer disclosed by Donnery.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2 – 21 and 59 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 22 – 56 and 60 – 68 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following references are considered of relevance to the present application :

- a. Humphries Jr. et al. (US 6,163,971)
- b. Waters (US 5,979,067)
- c. Siemel (US 5,873,172)
- d. Hall (US 4,108,164)

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- e. Graf et al. (US 4,662,079)
- f. Martin (US 3,358,373)
- g. Root (US Pub. No. 2002/0100179)
- h. Meilman (US 5,822,873)
- i. Tasker et al. (US 6,219,929)
- j. Saenger et al. (US 6,361,506)
- k. Lee et al. (US 6,293,026)

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe whose telephone number is (571)272 -2244. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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